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ADVICE TO THE CHIEF STATISTICIAN

Approval of a New Mandatory Request for Information **For decision**

For action by: February 10, 2021

SUMMARY

- A new mandatory request for information is submitted for your review.
- This request is in support of the Business Innovation and Growth Support (BIGS) program to request administrative data from Government of Canada departments and agencies.
- It is recommended that you approve this new mandatory request for information and sign the attached Notice to the Minister.

BACKGROUND

The BIGS program delivers statistical products in support of performance measurement and evaluation of government programs, the production of statistical information useful to the Canadian population, and the work of Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) and the broader research community with comprehensive data. In turn, TBS generates performance information that will guide program design and delivery, as well as horizontal resource allocation decisions to strengthen the impact of business innovation program spending.

A number of Federal government departments and agencies already provide data annually on the recipients of support from their growth and innovation-related program streams. Statistics Canada has acquired these data from 18 federal departments since 2018 prior to the amendment to the *Statistics Act*. Following the amendment to the Act, this request seeks authorization to also acquire these administrative data from new departments and agencies identified as having support programs for business innovation and growth to meet the current legal

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requirements including notification and publication. The approach is to cover the universe of BIGS support programs progressively.

CONSIDERATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Statistics Canada is requesting administrative data from federal departments and agencies on program support, value of support, transaction date, transaction type, name of recipient enterprise, business number, address of the enterprise, project number, project date and project value.

The request was reviewed by the Data Ethics Committee secretariat and recommendations followed.

RECOMMENDATION/NEXT STEPS

It is recommended that you approve this new mandatory request for information and that you review and sign the attached Notice to the Minister.

Submitted by:

Assistant Chief Statistician
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Assistant Chief Statistician
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☒ Approved

☐ Approved with changes

☐ Not approved



Chief Statistician of Canada

February 8th, 2021

Date

Comments

☐ I would like an oral briefing

☒ No briefing required

Attachment: Notice to the Minister

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NOTICE TO THE MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

New Mandatory Request for Information

In conformity with the *Statistics Act*:

- I have authorized the acquisition of administrative data files;
- I am notifying you of said acquisitions of administrative data.

List of New Requests for Information (Administrative Data)

Statistics Canada will begin the collection of the following new acquisition of administrative data, which is categorized by the subjects to which the data provide insight. In addition, you will find a description of the data requested, the primary purpose for their use, the earliest date of data acquisition, as well as the type of data providers and the rationale for their selection.

1. **Subject:** Business Innovation and Growth Support (BIGS)
Description of data requested: Support information (i.e. funding and services) to enterprises (business number, name and address) from the Government of Canada's Business Innovation and Growth Support programs.
Primary purpose: Statistics Canada, in partnership with the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS), will use these data to identify the impact of Business Innovation and Growth Support programs on businesses. The information is required to produce complete statistical products in support of performance measurement and evaluation of government program streams.
Types of data provider: Defence services (NAICS 911110), Federal labour and employment services (NAICS 911310), Federal courts of law (NAICS 911210), Federal correctional services (NAICS 911220), Federal police services (911230), Federal regulatory services (NAICS 911240), Other federal protective services (NAICS 911290), Immigration services (NAICS 911320), Other federal labour, employment and immigration services (NAICS 911390), Foreign affairs (NAICS 911410), International assistance (NAICS 911420), Other federal government public administration (NAICS 911910).

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Selection rationale: A number of federal government departments administer support programs for business innovation and growth.

Earliest date of collection: No less than 30 days from the date of notification.

I would be pleased to meet with you should you wish to discuss this decision further.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anil Arora', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anil Arora
Chief Statistician of Canada